

Amendments Submitted: Pages S6498–99
Authority for Committees: Pages S6499–S6500
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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—162) Page S6479, S6481

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:56 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Thursday, June 18, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6505.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FINANCIAL SERVICES COMPETITIVENESS ACT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee held hearings on H.R. 10, to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, and other financial service providers, receiving testimony from Robert E. Rubin, Secretary of the Treasury; and Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

JUNK E-MAIL

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Communications concluded hearings on S. 2107, to enhance electronic commerce by promoting the reliability and integrity of commercial transactions through establishing authentication standards for electronic communications, and related proposals to regulate the transmission of unsolicited commercial electronic mail, including S. 771, after receiving testimony from Senator Murkowski and Torricelli; Sheila Anthony, Commissioner, Federal Trade Commission; Randall Boe, America Online, Dulles, Virginia; and Jerry Cerasale, Direct Marketing Association, Ray Everett-Church, Coalition Against Unsolicited Commercial Email, and Dierdre Mulligan, Center for Democracy and Technology, all of Washington, D.C.

PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management concluded hearings on S. 1253, to provide to the Federal land management agencies the authority and capability to manage effectively the federal lands in accordance with the principles of multiple use and sustained yield, after receiving testimony from James R. Lyons, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural

Resources and the Environment; Fran Cherry, Acting Assistant Director for Renewable Resources and Planning, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Mary Munson, Defenders of Wildlife, Rene Voss, Earth Island Institute, and Steve Holmer, Western Ancient Forest Campaign, all of Washington, D.C.; and Bethanie Walder, Wildlands Center for Preventing Roads, Missoula, Montana.

AFRICAN GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ACT

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings on H.R. 1432 and S. 778, bills to authorize a new trade and investment policy for sub-Saharan Africa, receiving testimony from Senator Lugar; Representatives Crane and Rangel; Madeleine K. Albright, Secretary of State; William M. Daley, Secretary of Commerce; Lawrence H. Summers, Deputy Secretary of the Treasury; J. Patrick Danahy, Cone Mills Corporation, Greensboro, North Carolina, on behalf of the American Textile Manufacturers Institute; Karen Fedorko, MAST Industries, Inc., Andover, Massachusetts; Robert Johnson, Black Entertainment Television, Washington, D.C.; and Mark Levinson, AFL-CIO, New York, New York.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM ACT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on S. 1868, to express United States foreign policy with respect to, and to strengthen United States advocacy on behalf of, individuals persecuted for their faith worldwide; to authorize United States actions in response to religious persecution worldwide; to establish an Ambassador at Large on International Religious Freedom within the Department of State, a Commission on International Religious Persecution, and a Special Adviser on International Religious Freedom within the National Security Council, after receiving testimony from Richard Land, Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tennessee; Felice D. Gaer, Jacob Blaustein Institute for the Advancement of Human Rights/American Jewish Committee, New York, New York; John N. Akers, East Gates Ministries International, Montreat, North Carolina; William R. O'Brien, Global Center/Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama; and Rt. Rev. Munawar Rumalshah, Beshawar, Pakistan.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2176, to amend sections 3345 through 3349 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as

the "Vacancies Act") to clarify statutory requirements relating to vacancies in and appointments to certain Federal offices, with amendments;

S. 712, to provide for a system to classify information in the interests of national security and a system to declassify such information, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 2675, to require that the Office of Personnel Management submit proposed legislation under which group universal life insurance and group variable universal life insurance would be available under chapter 87 of title 5, United States Code, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 3096, to make a technical correction to a provision relating to the termination of benefits for convicted persons;

H.R. 930, to require Federal employees to use Federal travel charge cards for all payments of expenses of official Government travel, to amend title 31, United States Code, to establish requirements for prepayment audits of Federal agency transportation expenses, to authorize reimbursement of Federal agency employees for taxes incurred on travel or transportation reimbursements, and to authorize test programs for the payment of Federal employee travel expenses and relocation expenses, with amendments;

S. 2071, to extend a quarterly financial report program administered by the Secretary of Commerce through September 30, 2005; and

The nominations of G. Edward DeSeve, of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Director for Management, and Deidre A. Lee, of Oklahoma, to be Adminis-

trator of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy, both of the Office of Management and Budget.

Also, committee began markup of S. 389, to improve congressional deliberation on proposed Federal private sector mandates, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

TEENAGE DRUG ABUSE

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee held hearings to examine the causes and effects of illegal drug use by teenagers, receiving testimony from Barry R. McCaffrey, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy; Nancy J. Auer, Swedish Hospital, Seattle, Washington, on behalf of the American College of Emergency Physicians; Sushma Jani, Devereux Foundation, Washington, D.C.; and certain protected witnesses.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Constitution, Federalism, and Property Rights approved for full committee consideration S.J. Res. 40 and H.J. Res. 54, measures proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing Congress to Prohibit the Physical Desecration of the Flag of the United States.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee will meet again on Wednesday, June 24.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 8 public bills, H.R. 4069–4076; and 2 resolutions, H.J. Res. 123 and H. Res. 475, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: One report was filed as follows:

H. Res. 476, providing for consideration of H. Res. 463, to establish a select committee on U.S. National Security and Military/Commercial Concerns with the People's Republic of China (H. Rept. 105–583).

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Speaker pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Oxley to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Education Savings Act for Public and Private Schools: The House agreed to H. Res. 471, the rule waiving points of order against the conference report on H.R. 2646, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow tax-free expenditures from education individual retirement accounts for elementary and secondary school expenses, and to increase the maximum annual amount of contributions to such accounts, by a recorded vote of 228 ayes to 191 noes, Roll No. 236.

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Tax Code Termination Act: The House passed H.R. 3097, to terminate the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 by a recorded vote of 219 ayes to 209 noes, Roll No. 239.

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